

Appln. No. 10/706,507
Amdt. dated: December 30, 2004
Response to Office Action of October 5, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 108682-133291

REMARKS

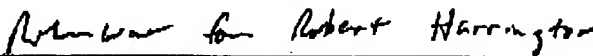
The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-7 and indicated allowability of Claim 8. The subject matter of Claim 8 and, as particularly discussed at page 4, lines 26 *et seq.* and page 10, lines 9-16, is important, independent of Claims 1-6, and Applicant proposes to submit new Claims 9-13 directed to that subject matter. It is believed that Claims 9-13 will be considered allowable for the same reasons as Claim 8 is considered allowable.

Claims 1-8 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicant expects to file a CIP including claims directed to the subject matter represented by Claims 1-8.

Applicant believes the current application is allowable in view of these amendments and favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner determine there to be remaining unresolved issues, a telephone interview is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,



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